

# Electron Yukawa from s-channel $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ Higgs at FCC-ee

**Snowmass Higgs EF01 WG**

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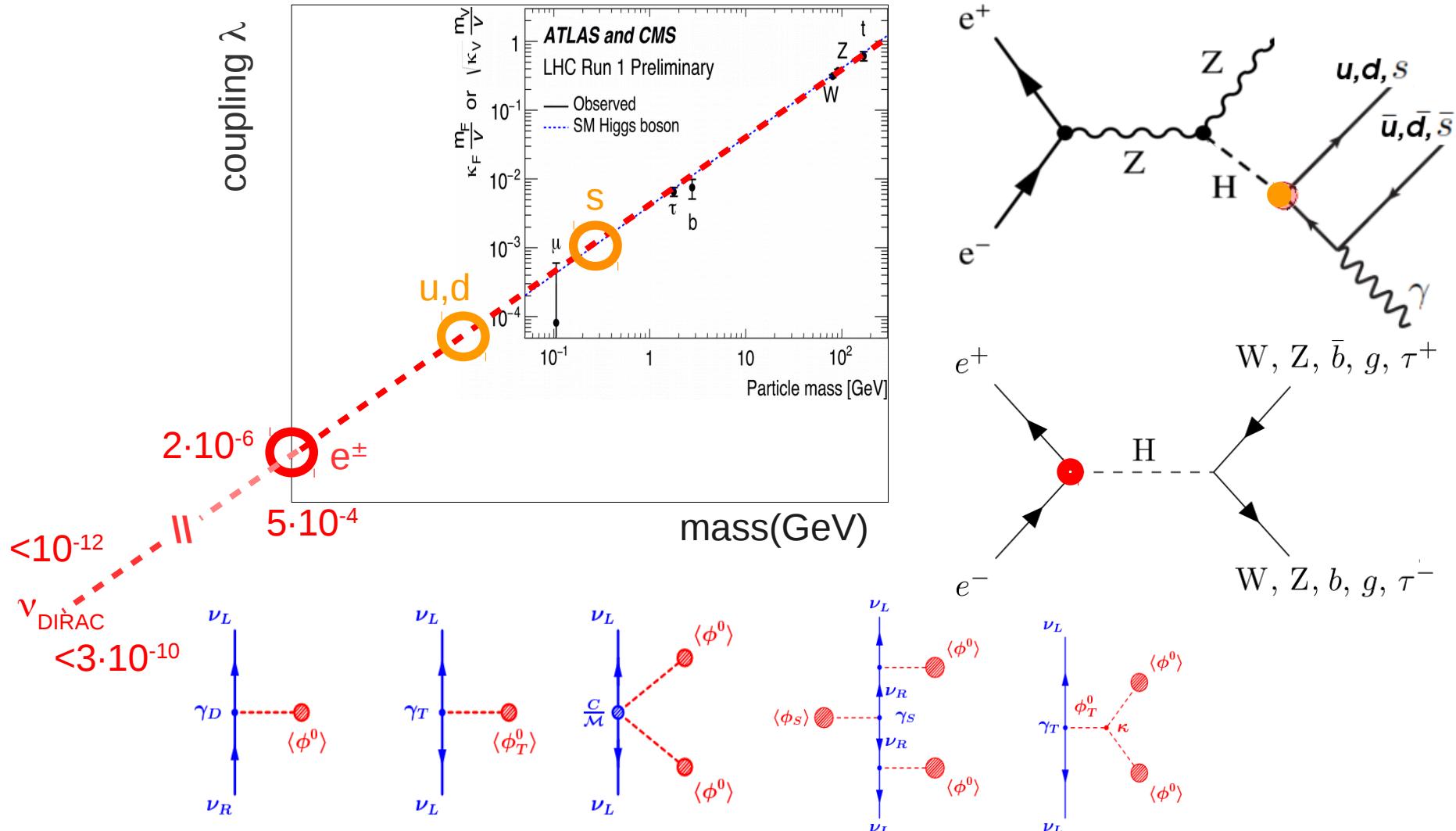
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# Generation of lightest fermion masses?

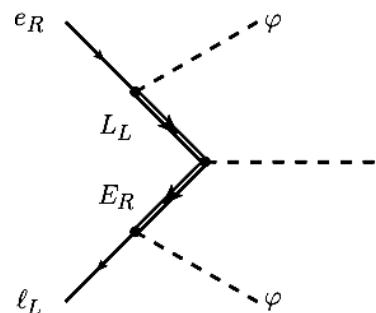
- LHC can only measure 3<sup>rd</sup> (plus a few 2<sup>nd</sup>) generation Yukawas.
- Can we prove mass generation for stable (u,d,e, $\nu$ ) matter in the Universe?



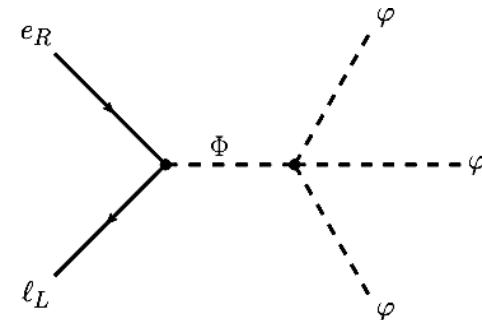
# BSM electron Yukawa

- Lowest order dim-6 operators with BSM electron Yukawa:

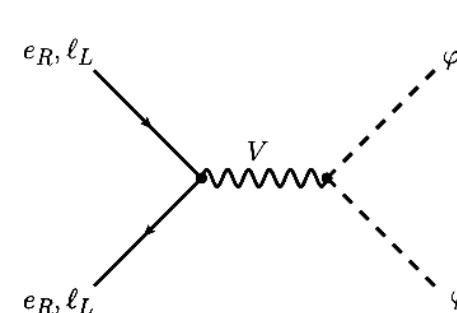
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mixing e w/ heavy  
vector-like leptons



mixing of SM Higgs doublet w/  
heavy scalar doublet coupled to e



exchange of a heavy vector

- Modified Higgs-electron coupling ( $k_e$  indicates modification wrt.  $k_e^{\text{SM}}=1$ ):

$$g_{eeh} = \kappa_e \frac{\sqrt{2}m_e}{v},$$

Upper bound on  $k_e$  translates into  
lower bound on  $M_{\text{BSM}}$  scale:

$$\kappa_e \approx 1 + v^3 / (\sqrt{2}m_e M^2)$$

	LHC8 (25/fb)	$ \kappa_e  \lesssim 600$	$M \gtrsim 6 \text{ TeV}$
$h \rightarrow e^+e^-$	LHC14 (300/fb)	$ \kappa_e  \sim 260$	$M \sim 9 \text{ TeV}$
	LHC14 (3/ab)	$ \kappa_e  \sim 150$	$M \sim 12 \text{ TeV}$
	100 TeV (3/ab)	$ \kappa_e  \sim 75$	$M \sim 17 \text{ TeV}$
	LEP II	$ \kappa_e  \lesssim 2000$	$M \gtrsim 3 \text{ TeV}$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow h$	FCC-ee (100/fb)	$ \kappa_e  \sim 10$	$M \sim 50 \text{ TeV}$
$(g-2)_e$		current $\text{Re } \kappa_e \lesssim 3000$	$M \gtrsim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$
future $\text{Re } \kappa_e \sim 300$			$M \sim 8 \text{ TeV}$

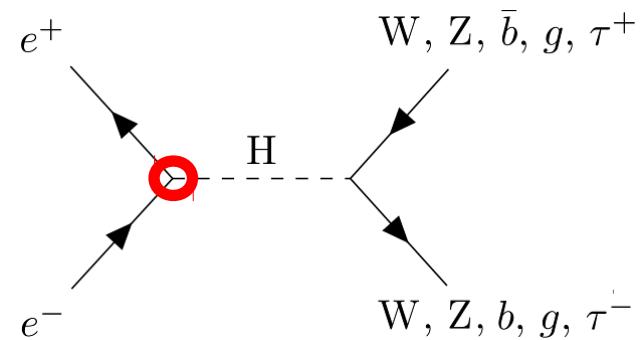
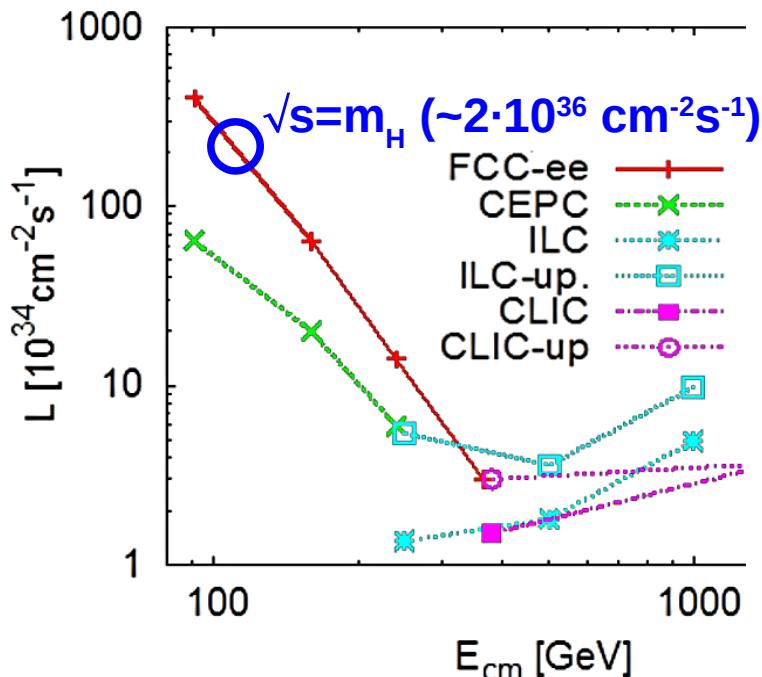
- Note: Unsuppressed dim-10 BSM operators also possible.

# e Yukawa via s-channel $e^+e^- \rightarrow H$ production

- Higgs decay to  $e^+e^-$  is unobservable:  $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow e^+e^-) \propto m_e^{-2} = 5.2 \cdot 10^{-9}$
- Resonant Higgs production considered so far only for muon collider:  
 $\sigma(\mu\mu \rightarrow H) \approx 70 \text{ pb}$ . **Tiny  $\kappa_e$  Yukawa coupling**  $\Rightarrow$  Tiny  $\sigma(ee \rightarrow H)$ :

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow H) = \frac{4\pi\Gamma_H^2 Br(H \rightarrow e^+e^-)}{(\hat{s} - M_H^2)^2 + \Gamma_H^2 M_H^2} = 1.64 \text{ fb} \quad (m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma_H = 4.1 \text{ MeV})$$

- Huge luminosities available at FCC-ee:

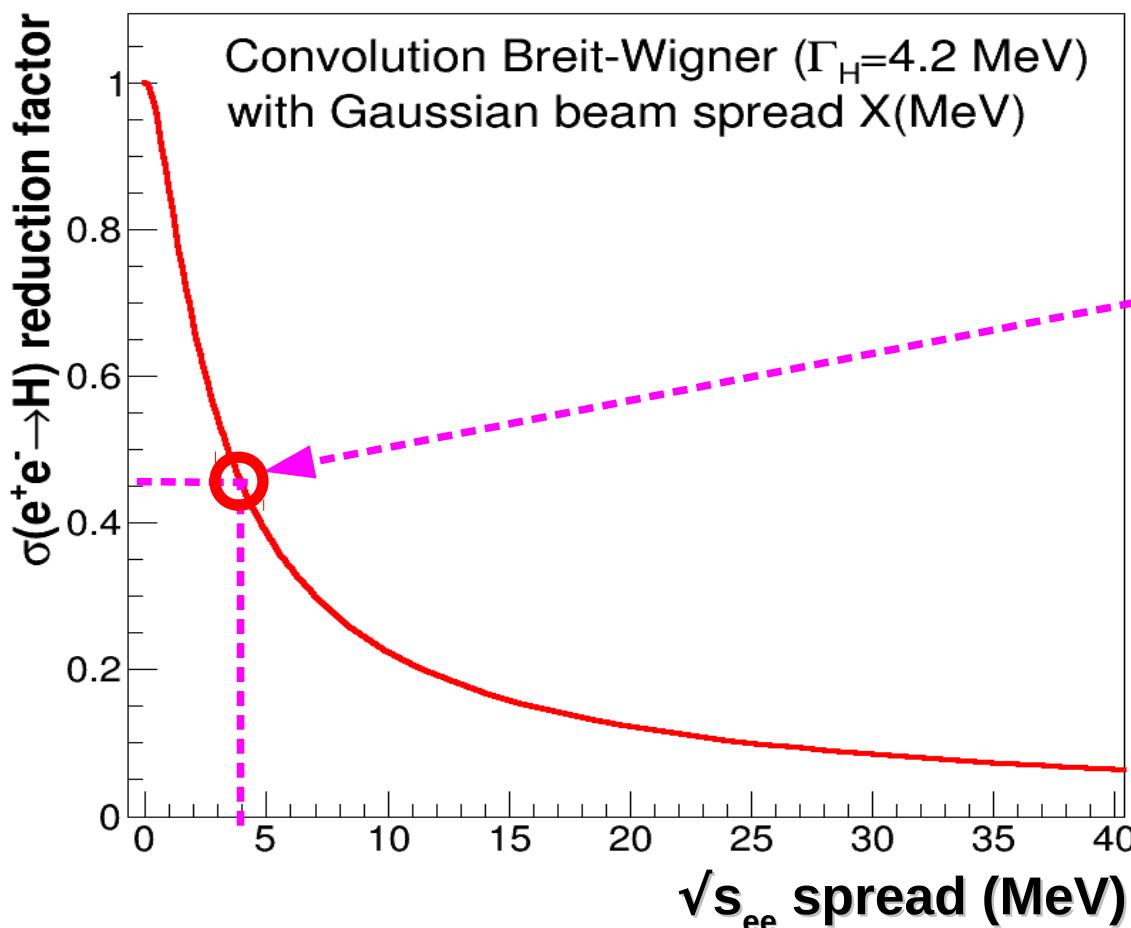


In theory, FCC-ee running at H pole-mass  
 $\mathcal{L}_{int} \approx 20 \text{ ab}^{-1}/\text{yr}$  would produce O(30.000) H's

IFF we can control: (i) beam-energy spread,  
(ii) ISR, and (iii) huge backgrounds, then:  
→ Electron Yukawa coupling measurable.  
→ Higgs width measurable (threshold scan)?  
→ Separation of possible nearly-degen. H's?

# “Actual” s-channel $e^+e^- \rightarrow H$ cross section

- $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow H) = 1.64 \text{ fb}$  for Breit-Wigner with natural  $\Gamma_H = 4.1 \text{ MeV}$  width.  
But Higgs production greatly suppressed off resonant peak.
- Convolution of Gaussian energy spread of each  $e^\pm$  beam with Higgs Breit-Wigner leads to a (Voigtian) effective cross-section decrease:



$\sqrt{s_{\text{spread}}} = \Gamma_H = 4.1 \text{ MeV}$   
~45% x-section reduction  
Reachable with beams monochromatization?  
(opposite sign dispersion using magnetic lattice)  
What luminosity loss price?

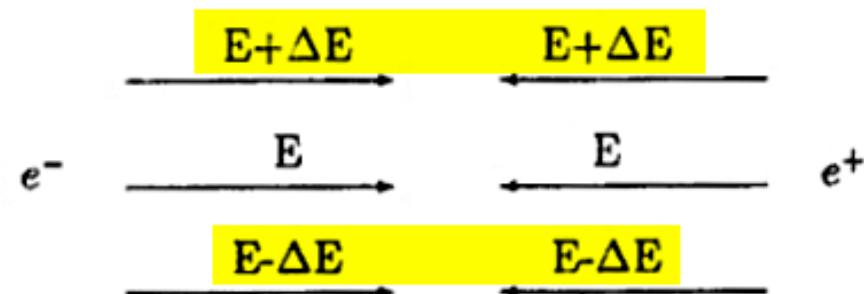
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# Beams monochromatization in $e^+e^-$ collisions

Standard collision:

dispersion has the same sign  
in the IP

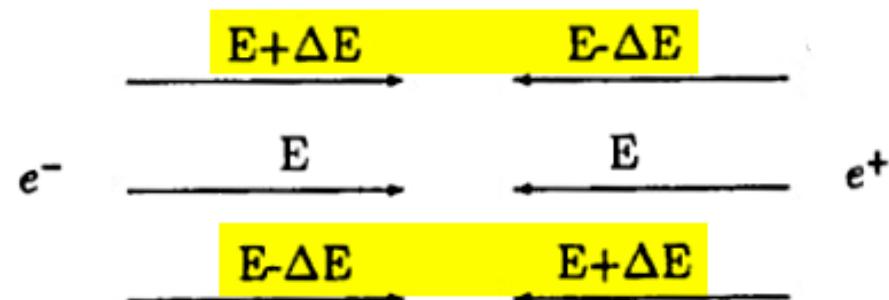
$$W = 2(E_0 + \varepsilon)$$



Monochromatization:

dispersion has opposite sign  
in the IP

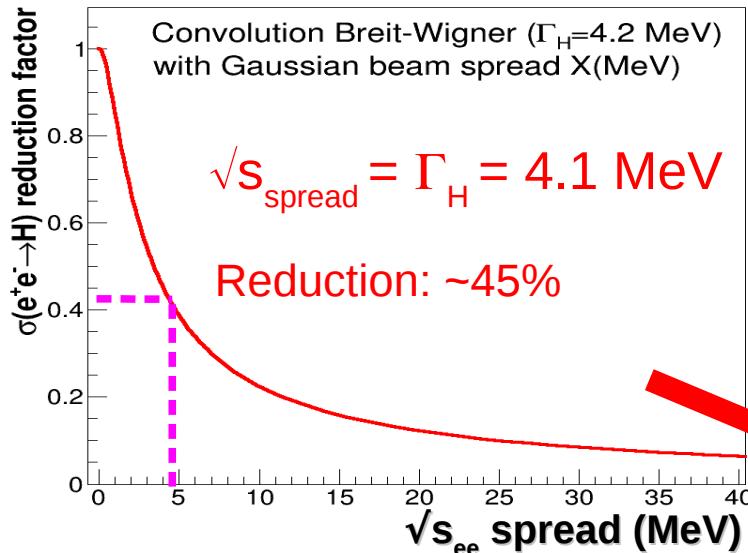
$$W = 2E_0 + 0(\varepsilon)^2$$



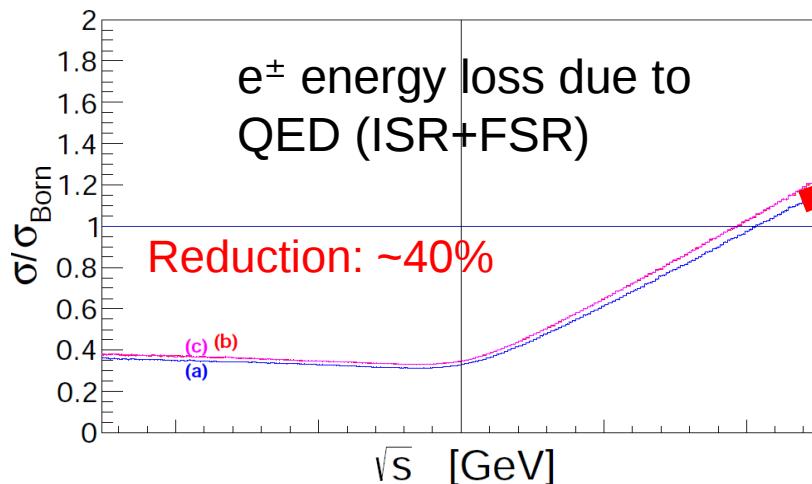
Enhancement of **energy resolution**, and sometimes increase of the relative frequency of the events at the centre of the distribution.

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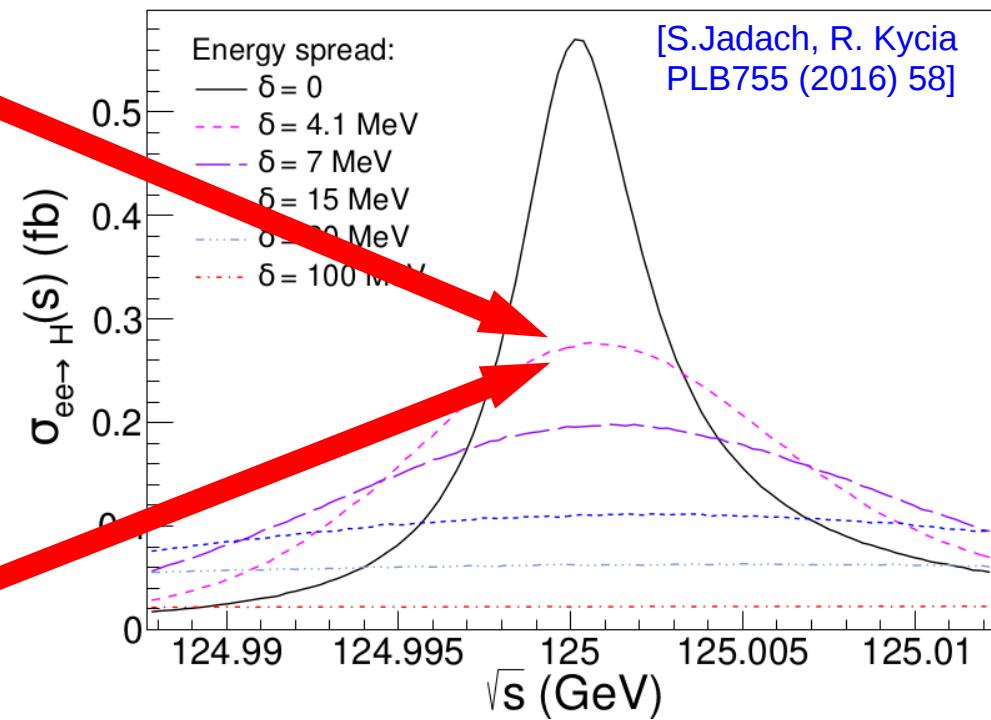
- Extra ~40% reduction due to QED radiation:



Assume monochromatization ref. point:

$$\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}} = \Gamma_H = 4.1 \text{ MeV}$$

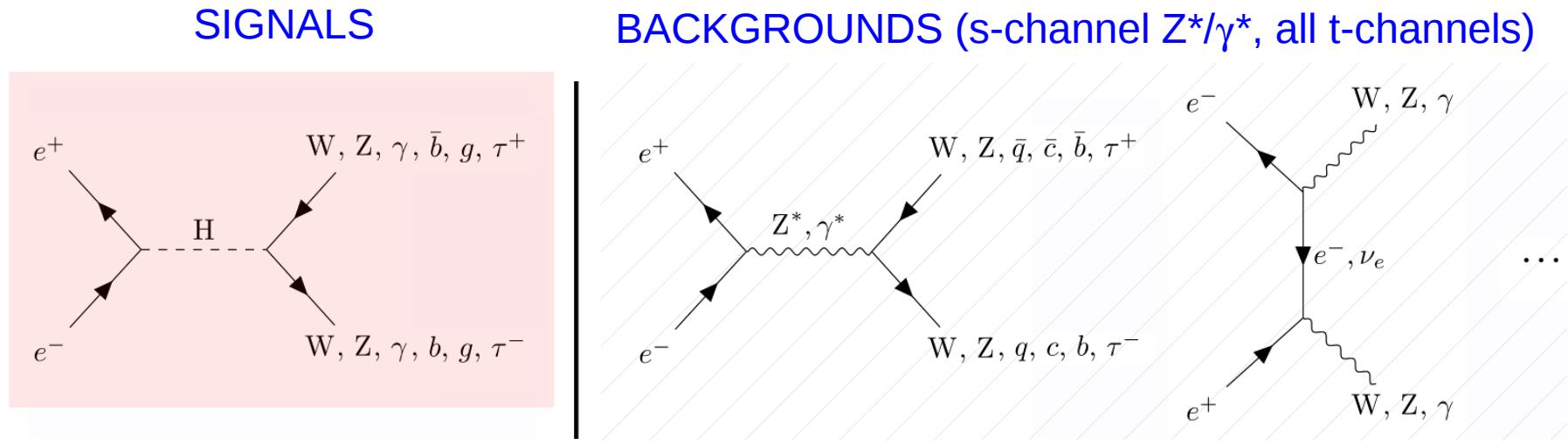
- Full convolution of both effects:



$$\sigma_{\text{spread+ISR}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow H) = 0.17 \times \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow H) = 280 \text{ ab}$$

# Signal & backgrounds simulation

- PYTHIA8  $e^+e^-$  at  $\sqrt{s} = m_H = 125$  GeV to generate 10 final-states for Higgs signal plus backgrounds:



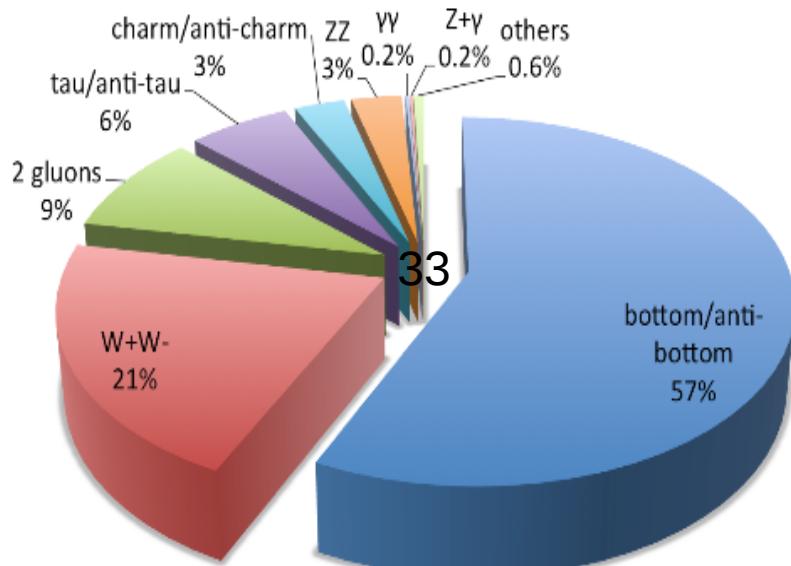
(other SM loop-induced  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H$  found negligible)

- **HDECAY**: Higgs boson decay NLO branching ratios
- **YFSWW/ZZ/MG5** calculators to cross-check **PYTHIA8** x-sections
- **FastJet** package: Exclusive  $e^+e^-$  ( $N_j=2,4$ ) jet algorithm
- **Event-shape** variables: thrust, sphericity, T, oblateness,...
- ISR switched-on in **PY8**,  $\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}}$  via scaling to match  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow H) = 280$  ab

# Higgs measurement at FCC-ee(125 GeV)

- Very-rare counting experiment over 10 decay channels:

Decays of a 125 GeV Standard-Model Higgs boson



- *Other 4-jet final states, e.g.  $H \rightarrow ZZ^*(4j)$  swamped by  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^*, \gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  (100 pb),*
- *Rarer decays ( $4\ell$ ) have ~0 counts.*

Higgs decay channel	BR	$\sigma \times BR$ (ISR⊗spread incl.)
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	58.2%	164 ab
$H \rightarrow gg$	8.2%	23 ab
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$6.3\% \times 60\% \times 60\%$	6.5 ab
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	2.9%	8 ab
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu 2j$	$21.4\% \times 67.6\% \times 32.4\% \times 2$	26 ab
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	$21.4\% \times 32.4\% \times 32.4\%$	6.3 ab
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 4j$	$21.4\% \times 67.6\% \times 67.6\%$	28 ab
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2j 2\nu$	$2.6\% \times 70\% \times 20\% \times 2$	2 ab
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2j$	$2.6\% \times 70\% \times 10\% \times 2$	1 ab
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	$2.6\% \times 20\% \times 10\% \times 2$	0.3 ab
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	0.23%	0.65 ab

Irreducible background	$\sigma$	$S/B$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	19 pb	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ (w/ $\epsilon_{q-g, mistag} \sim 1\%$ )	61 pb	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau\tau$	10 pb	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	22 pb	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu 2j$	23 fb	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	5.6 fb	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 4j$	24 fb	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2j 2\nu$	273 ab	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2j$	136 ab	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	39 ab	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	79 pb	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-8})$



# Event reconstruction, preselection, MVA

- Signal & backgd events showered/hadronized/decayed with PYTHIA8.  
Final-state particles **acceptance**:  $5^\circ < \theta < 175^\circ$ .  
**Jet reco**:  $k_T$  algorithm for  $N_j=2,4$  exclusive jets. **Isolation**:  $\Sigma E < 1$  GeV,  $\Delta R < 0.25$
- Assumed **reconstruction (in)efficiencies** for jets (uds, g, c, b), tau,  $\gamma$ , e:

	b jets	c jets	gluon jets	$\tau_{\text{had}}$ (hadron decays)	$\gamma, e^\pm$
reco/tagging efficiency ( $\varepsilon_i$ )	80%	70%	70%	80%	100%
mistagging rates ( $\varepsilon_{j \rightarrow i}^{\text{mistag}}$ )	1% (for c jet) 0.01% (for udsg jets)	5% (for b jet) 0.1% (for udsg jets)	1% (for uds jets) 0.001, 0.01% (for b, c-jets)	$\sim 0\%$ (for b, c-jets) $\sim 0\%$ (for udsg jets)	0.01% ( $e^\pm$ for $\gamma$ )

- Final-state **Higgs signal definitions (preselection to eliminate reducible backgds):**

Target Higgs decay	Final state definition	Signal presel. efficiency
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	2 (excl.) jets, 1 <i>b</i> -tagged jet, no $\tau_{\text{had}}$	80%
$H \rightarrow gg$	2 (excl.) gluon-tagged jets, 0 isolated $\ell^\pm$	50%
$H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	Exactly 2 $\tau_{\text{had}}$ , 0 isolated $\ell^\pm$	65%
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	2 (excl.) jets, 1 <i>c</i> -tagged jet, no $\tau_{\text{had}}$	70%
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu 2j$	1 isolated $\ell^\pm$ , $E_{\text{miss}} > 2$ GeV, 2 (excl.) jets	$\sim 100\%$
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	2 isolated opp.-charge $\ell^\pm$ , $E_{\text{miss}} > 2$ GeV, 0 non-isol. $\ell^\pm$ , 0 charged hadrons	$\sim 100\%$
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 4j$	4 (excl.) jets, $\geq 1$ <i>c</i> -tag jets, 0 <i>b</i> -, <i>g</i> -tag jets; jets with $m_{j_1 j_2} \approx m_W$ not both <i>c</i> -tagged, 0 $\tau_{\text{had}}$ , 0 isolated $\ell^\pm$	70%
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2j 2\nu$	2 (excl.) jets, $E_{\text{miss}} > 30$ GeV, 0 isolated $\ell^\pm$ , 0 $\tau_{\text{had}}$	$\sim 100\%$
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2j$	2 isolated opposite-charge $\ell^\pm$ , 2 (excl.) jets, 0 $\tau_{\text{had}}$	$\sim 100\%$
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	2 isolated opp.-charge $\ell^\pm$ , $E_{\text{miss}} > 2$ GeV, 0 non-isol. $\ell^\pm$ , 0 charged hadrons	$\sim 100\%$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	2 (excl.) isolated photons	$\sim 100\%$

- **MVA with O(50) variables** for **kinematical** properties of each single, pair, (n-wise combinations) of physics objects, **global event vars.**, **MELA vars.**,...

# Most significant channel: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(gg) \rightarrow jj$

- Final state definition (retains 50% of  $\sigma(gg) = 24 \text{ ab}$ ):

2 gluon-tagged jets (with 70% effic. each)

Light-q mistagging rate: ~1%

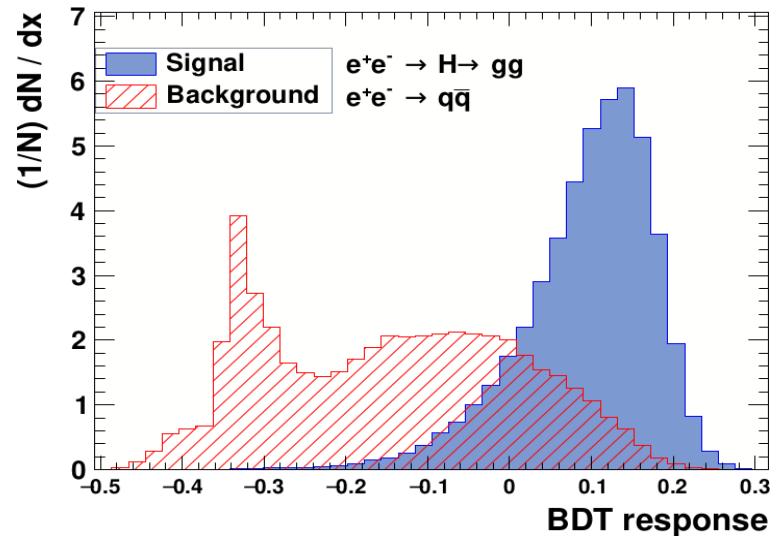
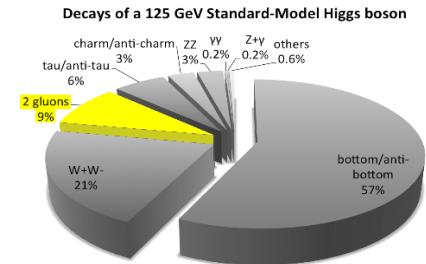
Challenging, but not impossible:

Dedicated QCD studies needed  
(reco&PID of ALL hadrons in jets).

- BDT MVA result (removing jet vars. potentially already used in g-uds discrimination):

Signal reduction ~50%

Backgd. reduction: x17



- Signal & backgrounds cross sections cut flow:

Process	Events	Passes	+ cuts	+ MVA	raw $\sigma$	Tagrate	Pass+Tag	+ Cut	Final $\sigma$
Hgg	100000	85315	80350	45440	$25 \pm 0 \text{ ab}$	70% <sup>2</sup>	10 ab	9.7 ab	$5.5 \pm 0.0 \text{ ab}$
bb	199981	140057	12532	1331	$81 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$	0.0% <sup>2</sup>	0 pb	0 pb	$0 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$
cc	200000	174120	28282	1984	$73 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$	0.0% <sup>2</sup>	0 pb	0 pb	$0 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$
qq	200000	186171	36888	2015	$237 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$	1.0% <sup>2</sup>	22 fb	4.4 fb	$239 \pm 5 \text{ ab}$
ZZ	99999	75095	49798	14261	$224 \pm 0 \text{ fb}$	0.0% <sup>2</sup>	0 pb	0 pb	$0 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$
tautau	20000	0	0	0	$26 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$	0.0% <sup>2</sup>	0 pb	0 pb	$0 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$
WW	20000	16959	12783	5413	$21 \pm 0 \text{ fb}$	0.0% <sup>2</sup>	0 pb	0 pb	$0 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$

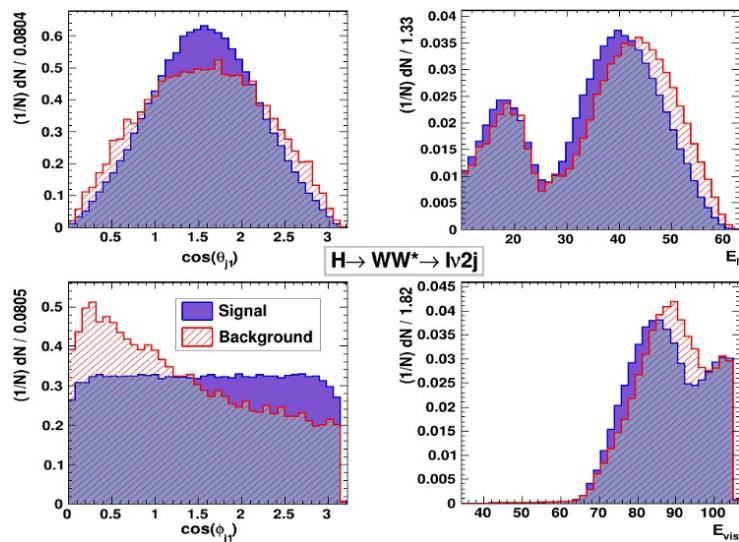
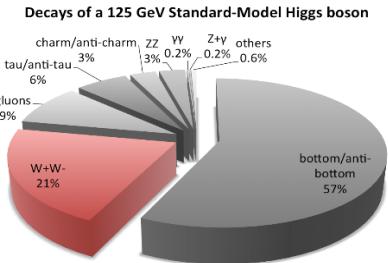
Total bkgd: 244 ab,  $S/\sqrt{S+B} = 1.0973$ , training data 1.1843, from MVA 1.1101

For  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 55/\sqrt{2500} \approx 1.1$   
 Significance  $\approx 1.1$

# 2<sup>nd</sup> most significant channel: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(WW^*) \rightarrow l\nu jj$

- Final state def. (retains  $\sim 100\%$  of  $\sigma(WW^*(l\nu jj)) = 27 \text{ ab}$ ):  
1 isolated  $e, \mu, \tau(e), \tau(\mu)$  +  $ME > 2 \text{ GeV}$  + 2 jets (excl.)
- Analysis cuts (from MVA):

- $E_{j1,j2} < 52,45 \text{ GeV} \iff \text{Kills } e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- $m_{W(l\nu)} > 12 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \iff \text{Kills } e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- $E_{\text{lepton}} > 10 \text{ GeV} \iff \text{Kills } e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- $ME > 20 \text{ GeV} \iff \text{Kills } e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- $m_{ME} < 3 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \iff \text{Kills } e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- $\text{BDT MVA} \leftarrow \text{Kills } e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \text{ continuum}$   
*(exploits opposite } W^\pm \text{ polarizations in } H \text{ decay)*



- Signal & backgrounds cross sections cut flow:

Process	Events	Passes	+ cuts	+ MVA	raw $\sigma$	Tagrate	Pass+Tag	+ Cut	Final $\sigma$
HHWjjllν	400000	174534 144336	66399	44797	$27 \pm 0 \text{ ab}$	$100\%^2$	23 ab	10 ab	$7.0 \pm 0.0 \text{ ab}$
WW	400000	174809 145026	55955	16886	$46 \pm 0 \text{ fb}$	$100\%^2$	17 fb	6.4 fb	$1.9 \pm 0.0 \text{ fb}$
bb	999898	200961	0	2	0	$81 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$	$100\%^2$	16 pb	161 ab
cc	1000000	63844	0	0	$73 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$	$100\%^2$	4.7 pb	0 pb	$0 \pm 73 \text{ ab}$
qq	1000000	7675	0	0	$237 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$	$100\%^2$	1.8 pb	0 pb	$0 \pm 237 \text{ ab}$
tautau	20000	8359	0	0	$26 \pm 0 \text{ pb}$	$0.75\%^2$	605 ab	0 pb	$0 \pm 72 \text{ zb}$

Total bkgd: 1.9 fb,  $S/\sqrt{S+B} = 0.5025$ , training data 0.5352, from MVA 0.5033

For  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 55/\sqrt{11000} \approx 0.5$   
Significance  $\approx 0.5$

# $e^+e^- \rightarrow H$ significance: Multi-channel combination

- Number of presel. & MVA events per channel for signal & backgrounds:

**Table 4.** Number of reconstructed events expected after preselection  $N(\text{presel.})$  and BDT output  $N(\text{MVA})$  cuts, for  $s$ -channel Higgs decay modes and associated dominant backgrounds in  $e^+e^-$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = m_H$  ( $\delta_{\sqrt{s}} = 4.1$  MeV and  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ ).

Channel	$N(\text{presel.})$	$N(\text{MVA})$	Channel	$N(\text{presel.})$	$N(\text{MVA})$	Channel	$N(\text{presel.})$	$N(\text{MVA})$
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	1320	1220	$H \rightarrow gg$	110	55	$H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	48	13
$e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^8$	$1.1 \cdot 10^8$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	61 000	2400	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^7$	$3.8 \cdot 10^5$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^6$	$9.4 \cdot 10^5$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	220	$\sim 10$			
$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	$3.0 \cdot 10^4$	4800	$e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	20	$\sim 1$			
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu 2j$	265	55	$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	64	25	$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 4j$	180	27
$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu 2j$	$2.3 \cdot 10^5$	11 000	$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	$5.6 \cdot 10^4$	7600	$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 4j$	$1.3 \cdot 10^5$	14 000
$e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	1100	—	$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	1360	$\sim 5$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4j$	$4.7 \cdot 10^3$	20
$e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}, q\bar{q}$	150	—	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$1.2 \cdot 10^7$	—	$e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}$	$5 \cdot 10^5$	7 000
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2j 2\nu$	21	11	$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2j$	10	4	$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	3	0.8
$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2j 2\nu$	2700	1000	$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2j$	1000	500	$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	270	70
$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2j 2\nu$	6100	400	$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2j$	$3.3 \cdot 10^4$	$\sim 1$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	$3.3 \cdot 10^4$	260
$e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}, q\bar{q}$	7000	—	$e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}, q\bar{q}$	400	—	$e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}, q\bar{q}$	390	—
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau\tau$	1700	$\sim 2$				$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$3 \cdot 10^4$	—

- Channels significance & combination via **RooStats-based LHC Higgs tool**: **Profile likelihood** & hybrid **significances** give ~identical results, which are also very close to naive  $S/\sqrt{B}$  expectation ( $10^{-4}$  backgd. relative uncertainty):

$H \rightarrow gg$	$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu 2j; 2\ell 2\nu; 4j$	$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2j 2\nu; 2\ell 2j; 2\ell 2\nu$	$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}; c\bar{c}; \gamma\gamma$	Combined
$1.1\sigma$	$(0.53 \otimes 0.34 \otimes 0.13)\sigma$	$(0.32 \otimes 0.18 \otimes 0.05)\sigma$	$0.13\sigma$	$< 0.02\sigma$	$1.3\sigma$

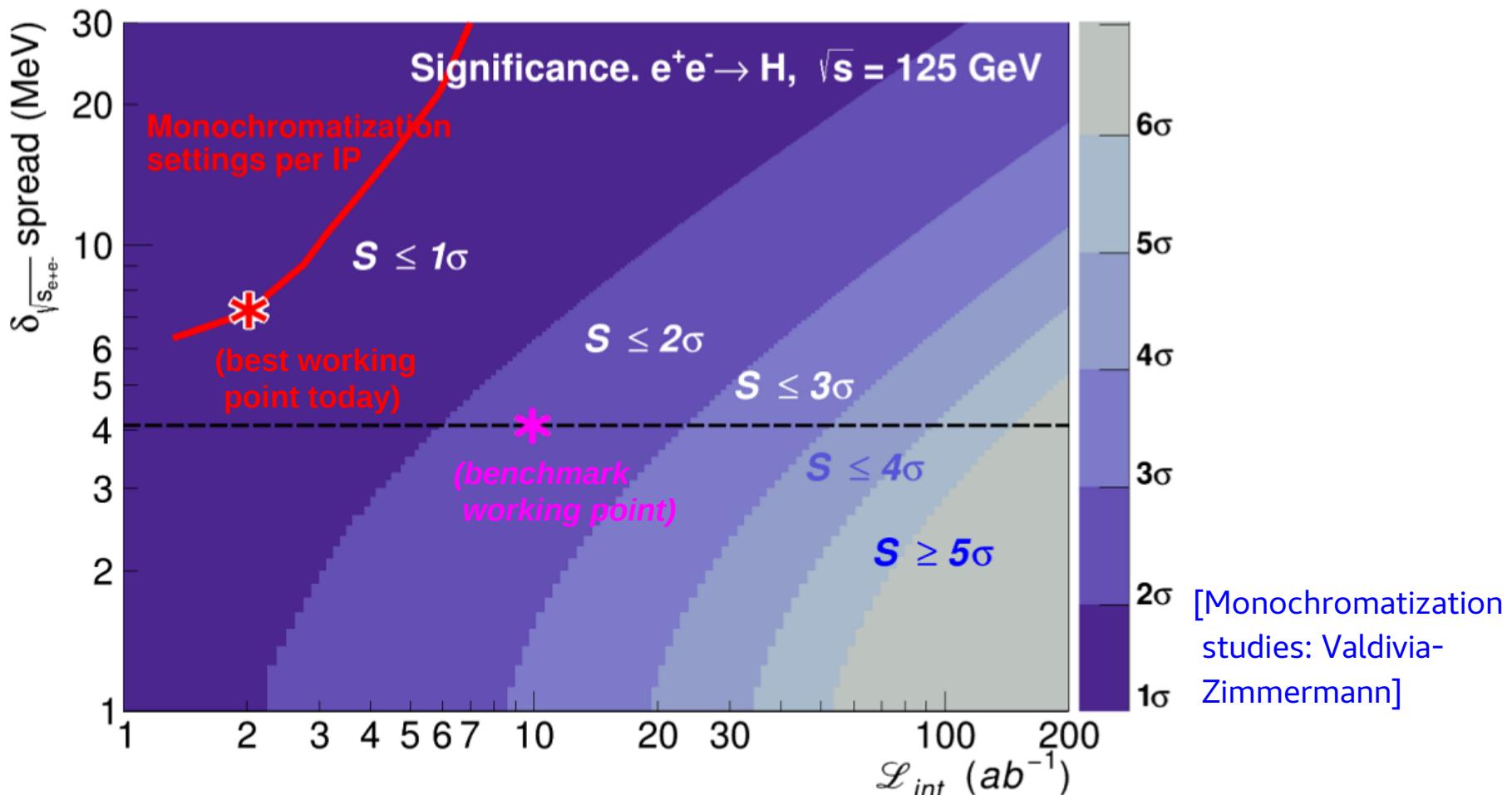
For  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ : Significance  $\approx 1.3\sigma$

Limit (95% CL) for SM Yukawa:  $y_e < 1.6 \times y_{e,\text{SM}}$

$$\sigma_{\text{sig}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow h \rightarrow X\bar{X}) \simeq |\kappa_e|^2$$

# $e^+e^- \rightarrow H$ significance contours in $(\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}}, \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}})$ plane

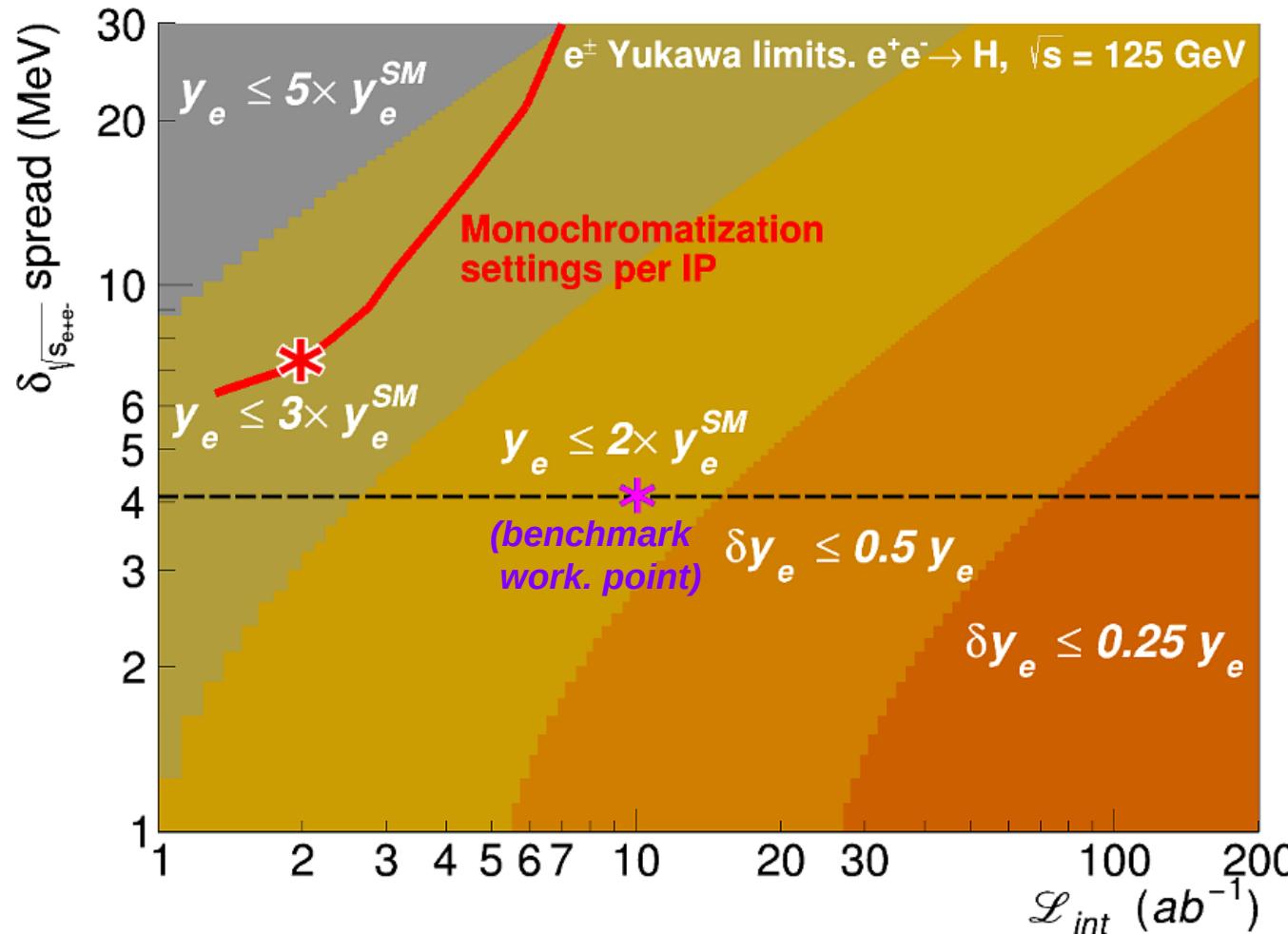
- Monochromatization working points ( $\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}}$  vs.  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$  per IP/year):



- Best significance  $\approx 0.4\sigma$  in  $(\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}} = 7\text{--}10$  MeV,  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 2\text{--}3$   $ab^{-1}$ ) region.

# Electron Yukawa limits in $(\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}}, \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}})$ plane

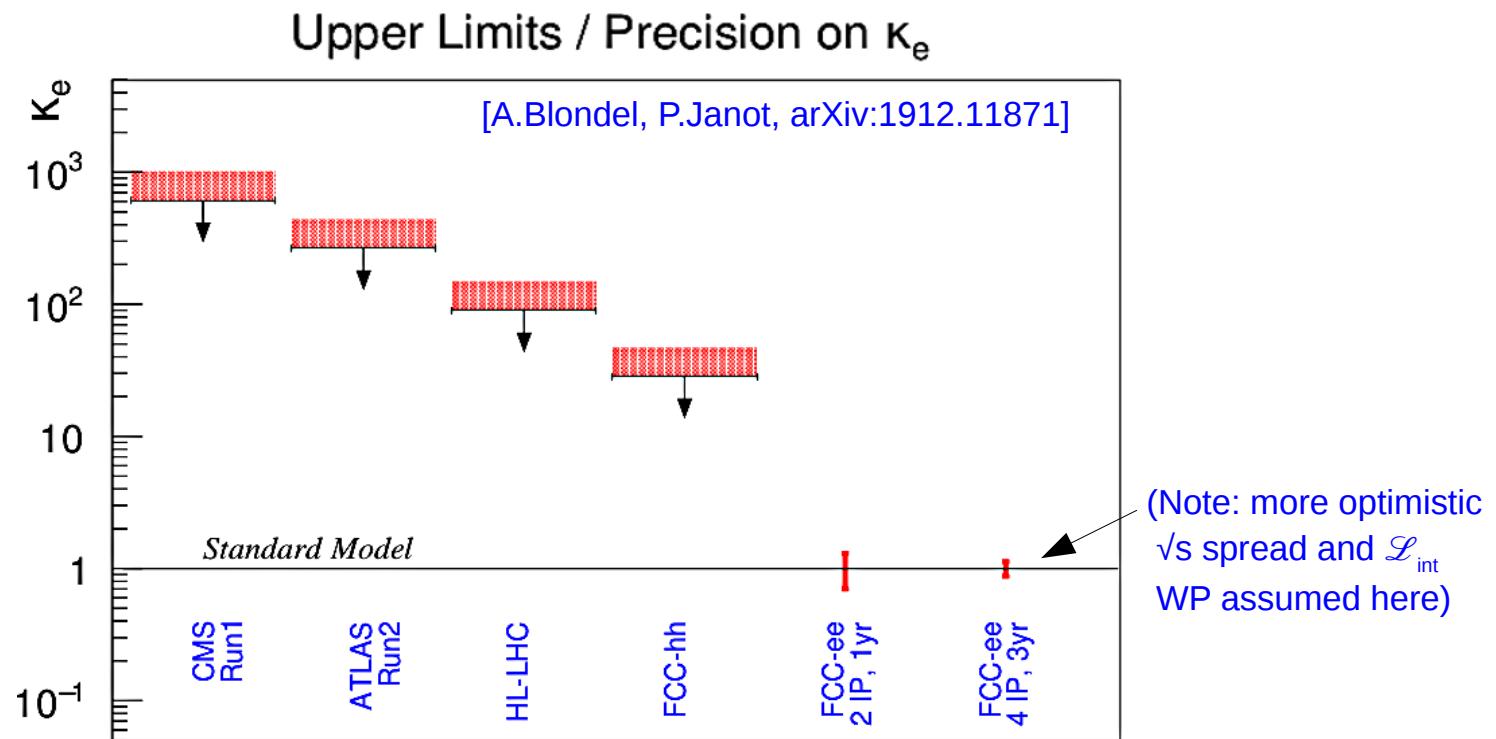
- Monochromatization working points ( $\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}}$  vs.  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$  per IP/year):



- Best limit:  $y_e < 2.5 \times y_{e,\text{SM}}$  (95% CL) in  $(\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}} = 7\text{--}10 \text{ MeV}, \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 2\text{--}3 \text{ ab}^{-1})$  region.

# Electron Yukawa limits at various machines

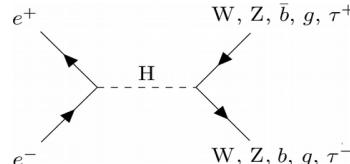
- Hadron machines can very loosely constrain  $y_e$  via  $H \rightarrow e^+e^-$  searches on top of huge DY (and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) backgrounds:



- Combining up to 4 IPs & running a few years we are at SM  $y_e$  values.
- Limits on  $y_e$  are  $\times 100$  ( $\times 30$ ) better than at HL-LHC (FCC-hh).

# Conclusions

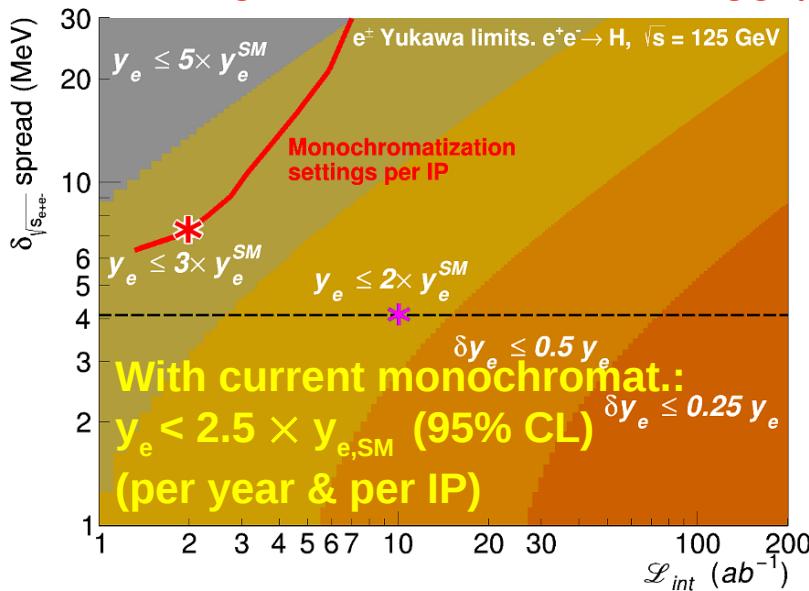
- Resonant s-channel Higgs production at FCC-ee ( $\sqrt{s} = 125.00$  GeV):



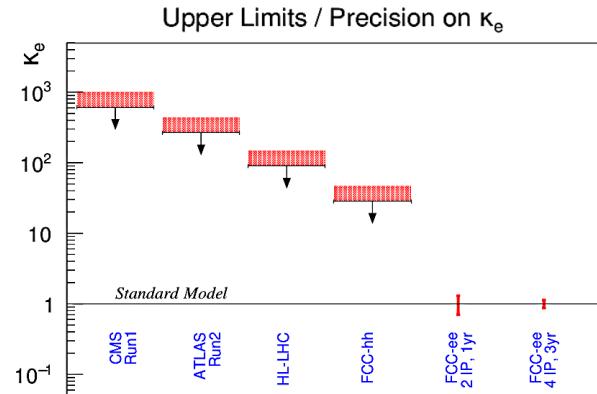
$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow H)_{B-W} = 1.64 \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow H)_{\text{spread}} = 280 \text{ ab} (\text{ISR} + \sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}} = \Gamma_H = 4.2 \text{ MeV})$$

- Prerequisite: Higgs mass extraction  $\delta m_H = O(3 \text{ MeV})$  via HZ @ 240,217 GeV
- Generator-level study for signal + backgrounds for 10 decay channels:  
Most significant channels:  $H \rightarrow gg$  (for light-q mistag  $\sim 1\%$ ),  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l+jets$



For  $10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  &  $\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}} = \Gamma_H$ : Signif  $\approx 1.3\sigma$



- Monochromatization improvable beyond  $(\sqrt{s}_{\text{spread}}, L_{\text{int}}) \approx (7 \text{ MeV}, 2 \text{ ab}^{-1})$ ?
- Fundamental unique physics accessible:
  - Electron Yukawa coupling: Limits  $\times 100$  ( $\times 30$ ) better than HL-LHC (FCC-hh)
  - BSM scale affecting  $e^\pm$  Yukawa pushed up to  $\Lambda_{\text{BSM}} > 110 \text{ TeV}$

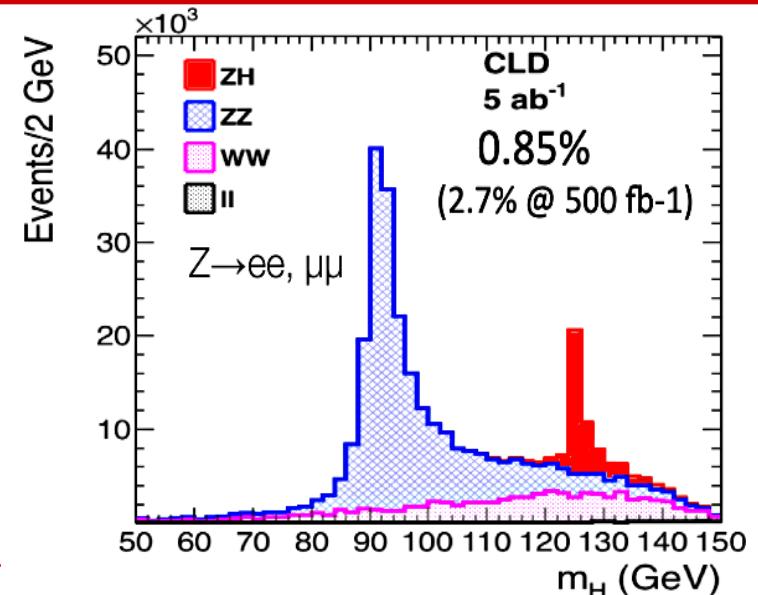
# Backup slides

# Accurate $m_H$ needed to run at resonant peak

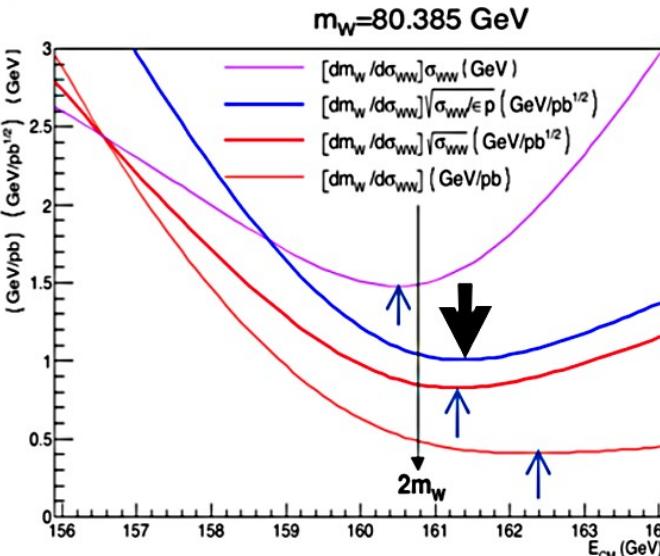
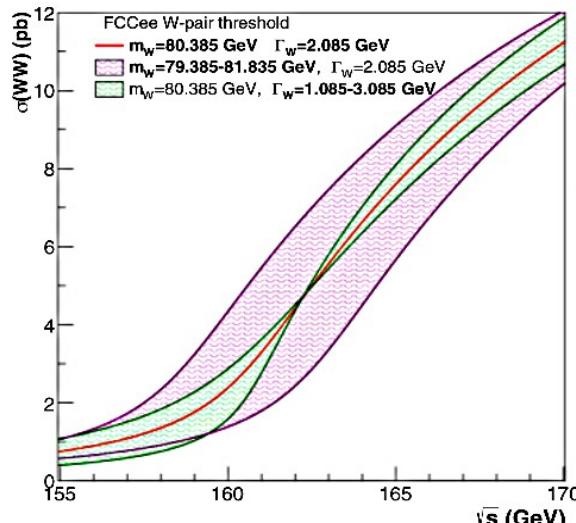
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow H Z(l^+l^-)$  recoil method:  
allows Higgs mass reconstruction  
with  $\delta m_H = 8$  MeV in  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

$$m_{\text{recoil}}^2 = (\sqrt{s} - E_{f\bar{f}})^2 - p_{f\bar{f}}^2 = s - 2E_{f\bar{f}}\sqrt{s} + m_{f\bar{f}}^2$$

( $\delta m_H = \pm 5$  MeV adding other decays)



- Can  $m_H$  be accurately reconstructed via  $\sigma(HZ)$  line shape scan? Like done for  $m_W$  via  $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^- \dots$



With 7/fb @ 162.6 GeV:  
 $\delta m_W(\text{stat}) = \pm 0.5$  MeV

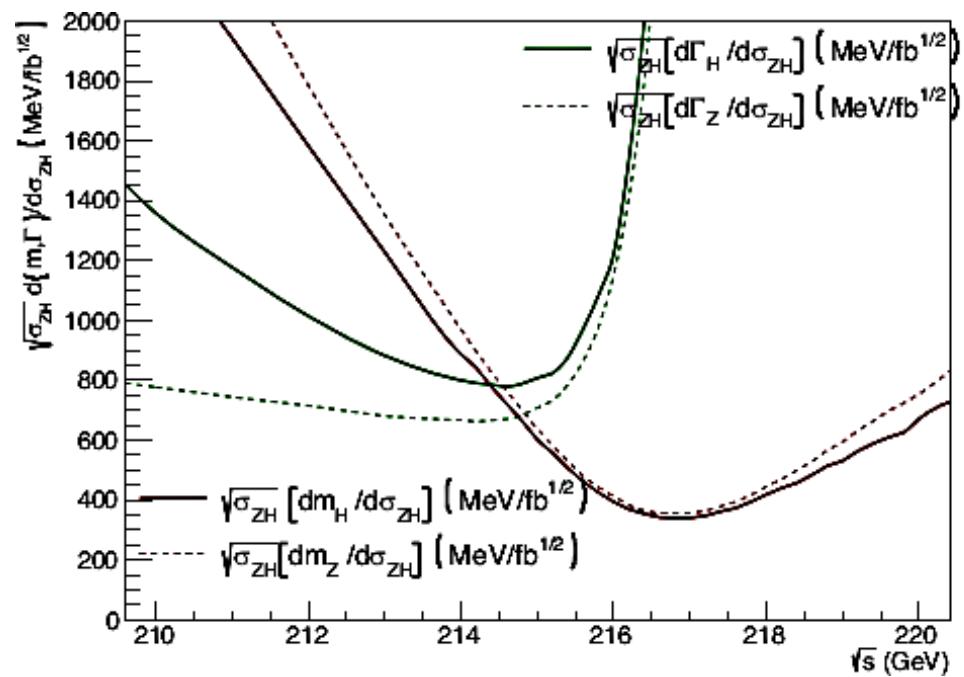
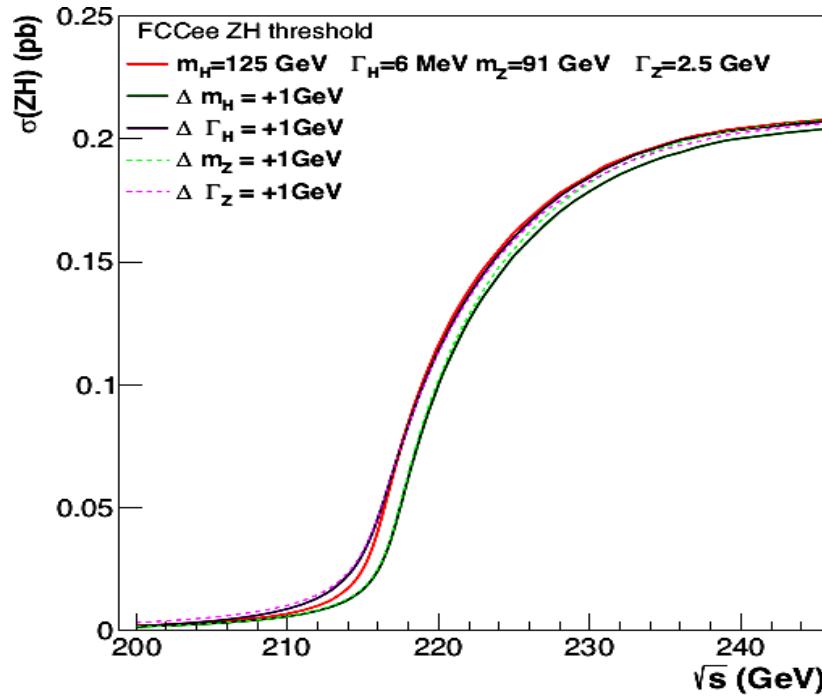
Need systematics control:

- $\delta E_{\text{beam}} < 0.5$  MeV ( $6 \cdot 10^{-6}$ )
- $\delta \epsilon / \epsilon, \delta L / L < 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )
- $\delta \sigma_B < 1$  fb ( $2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )

[arXiv:1703.01626  
arXiv:1909.12245]

# Accurate $m_H$ needed to run at resonant peak

- Can  $m_H$  be accurately reconstructed via  $\sigma(HZ)$  line shape scan?
- Preliminary MG5@NLO studies by Paolo Azzurri:



- Optimal data-taking point for min  $\Delta m_H$ (stat):  $\sqrt{s} \simeq m_Z + m_H - 0.2 \simeq 217 \text{ GeV}$
- $\sqrt{\sigma_{ZH}} (dm_H / d\sigma_{ZH})_{\min} = 350 \text{ MeV/vfb}$       With 5/ab @ 217 GeV:  $\delta m_H = \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$
- Need systematics control:  $\delta E_{\text{beam}} < 5 \text{ MeV}$  ( $5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ),  $\delta \varepsilon / \varepsilon$ ,  $\delta L / L < 10^{-3}$ ,  $\delta \sigma_B < 0.1 \text{ fb}$  ( $\sim 10^{-3}$ )
- Combining threshold HZ x-section with  $m_{HZ}$ (recoil) should give:  $\delta m_H = \pm 3.5 \text{ MeV}$

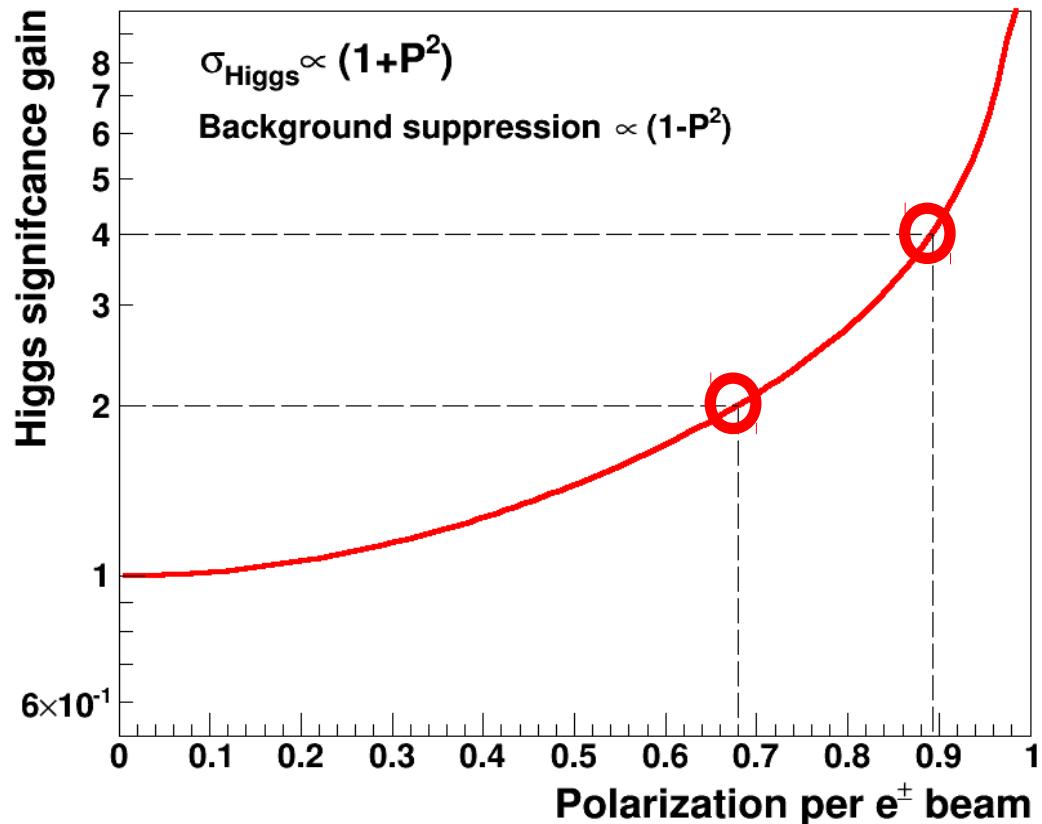
# Example of BDT MVA vars. ( $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu jj$ )

**Table 5.** Indicative list of BDT variables used in the  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu 2j$  analysis, with their relative weight in the statistical significance for this channel.

$\cos \theta_{j1}$	$E_\ell$	$p_T(jj)$	$\cos \phi_{j1}$	$m_{\text{miss}}$	$E_{\text{vis}}$	$p_T^\ell$	$E_{\text{miss}}$	$p_T(jj\ell)$	$\cos \theta^*$
0.0446	0.0417	0.0409	0.0398	0.0341	0.0328	0.0308	0.03015	0.02726	0.02626
$\eta_{\text{miss}}$	$\eta_{j1}$	$\cos \theta_{j2}$	$\Delta\phi_{jj}$	$m_{T,\text{miss}}$	$m_W \text{ offsh.}$	$E_{j,\text{min}}$	$\Delta R_{\text{min},j\ell}$	$\min \Delta\eta_{j\ell}$	$p_T^{j1}$
0.0255	0.0238	0.0220	0.0215	0.0212	0.0212	0.0205	0.0204	0.0192	0.0189
max cos( $\ell j$ )	$\eta_\ell$	$m(\ell\nu)$	min cos( $\ell j$ )	max $\Delta\eta_{jj}$	$m_W \text{ shell}$	$m_T(\ell j_1)$	$m_T(jj\ell)$	$m(\ell j_1)$	$m_{j2}$
0.0189	0.0182	0.0179	0.0176	0.0165	0.0160	0.0160	0.0160	0.0156	0.0147
$\cos \phi_{j1,j2}$	$p_T^{j2}$	$\Delta R_{\text{max},j\ell}$	$\eta_{j2}$	lin.spher.	$m_{j1}$	$p_T(\ell j2)$	$\Delta\theta_{jj}$	$m_T(jj)$	$\Delta R_{jj}$
0.0140	0.0136	0.0136	0.0136	0.0136	0.0134	0.0134	0.0132	0.0131	0.0127
$E_{j,\text{max}}$	$m_T(\ell j_2)$	sphericity	$p_T(\ell j1)$	min $\Delta\phi_{j\ell}$	$E_{\text{isol}}$	aplanarity	max $\Delta\phi_{j\ell}$	$\phi(j_1)$	$m(jj\ell)$
0.0125	0.0121	0.0116	0.0103	0.0102	0.00998	0.00927	0.00914	0.00894	0.00764
$m(\ell j_2)$	$m_{jj}$	$\phi(j_2)$	lin.aplan.	$\phi^\ell$	$\cos \phi^*$		others ( $R_{\text{min}}, \eta_\ell, \dots$ )		
0.00680	0.00641	0.00565	0.00514	0.00512	0.00471			< 0.001	

# Significance increase with polarized beams?

- Polarization of beams would enhance the signal by  $(1+Pol^2)$  and suppress background by  $(1-Pol^2)$ . However, realistic longitudinal polarization estimates ( $Pol=20-30\%$ ) are clearly insufficient and higher polarizations would reduce luminosity...



- Significance increase:

Pol. = 68%:  $\times 2$  significance

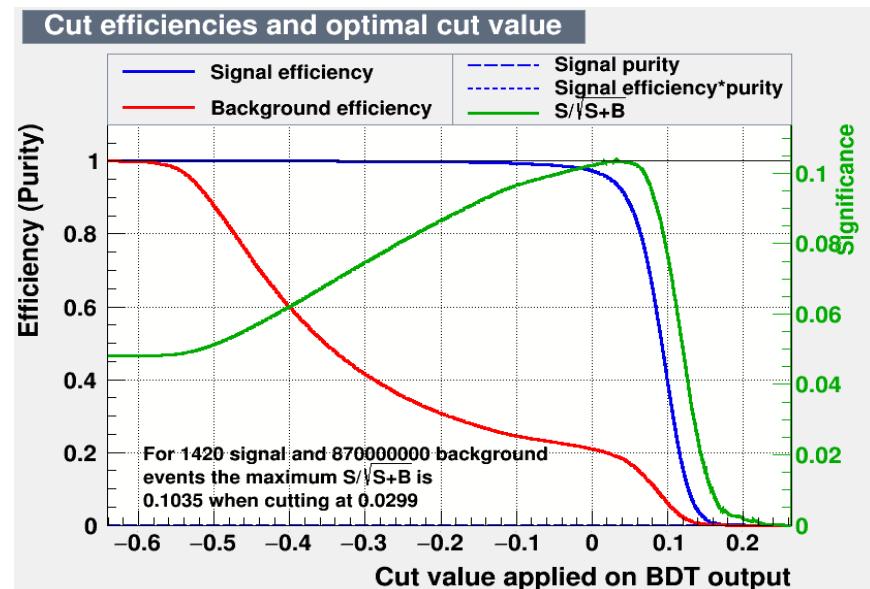
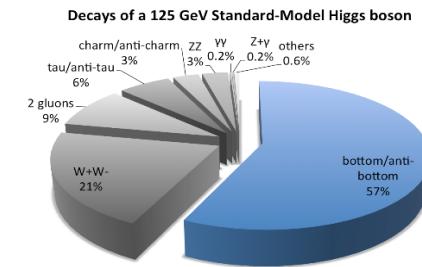
Pol. = 90%:  $\times 4$  significance

# Channel 1: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(bb) \rightarrow 2$ b-jets

- Final state (retains 90% of  $\sigma(bb) = 156$  ab):  
2 jets (exclusive) + 1 b-jet tagged + 0  $\tau$ (had)

- Analysis cuts:

- ✓ Kinematics: None.
- ✓ BDT MVA applied to reduce dominant  $Z^*\gamma^* \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  continuum



- Signal & backgds before/after MVA cuts:

$$\begin{aligned} H(bb): \quad \sigma &= 142 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 131 \text{ ab} \\ q\bar{q}:\quad \sigma &\approx 20 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 17 \text{ pb} \\ \tau\tau: \quad \sigma &= 607 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 375 \text{ ab} \end{aligned}$$

For  $L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 1310/\sqrt{1.7 \times 10^8} \approx 0.1$   
Significance  $\approx 0.1$

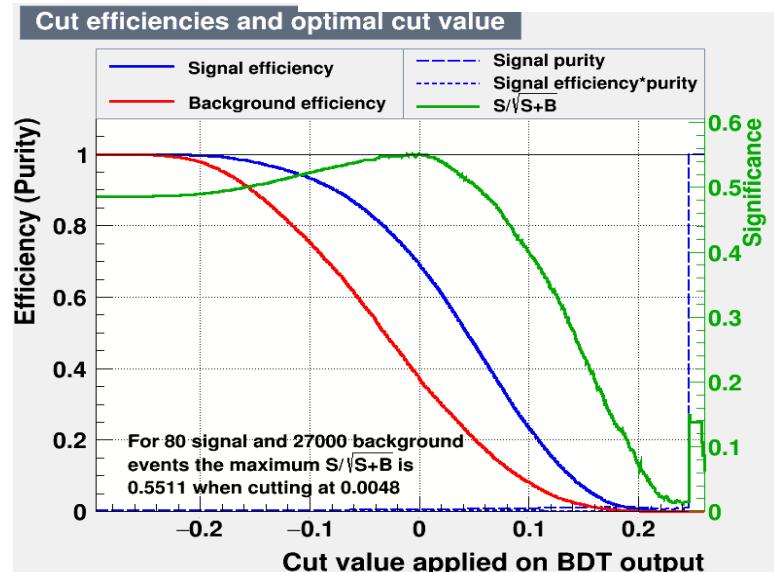
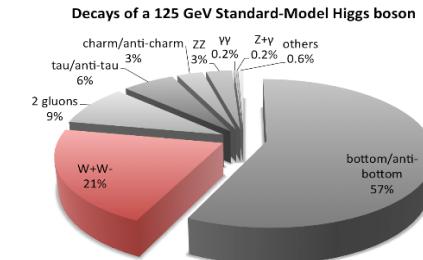
# Channel 2: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(WW^*) \rightarrow l\nu jj$

- Final state (retains 80% of  $\sigma(WW^*(l\nu jj)) = 28 \text{ ab}$ ):  
1 isolated  $e, \mu, \tau(e), \tau(\mu)$  +  $ME > 2 \text{ GeV}$  + 2 jets (excl.)

- Analysis cuts:

- $\checkmark E_{j_1,j_2} < 52,45 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills qqbar
- $\checkmark m_{W(l\nu)} > 12 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  ← Kills qqbar
- $\checkmark E_{\text{lepton}} > 10 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills qqbar
- $\checkmark ME > 20 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills qqbar
- $\checkmark m_{ME} < 3 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  ← Kills  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark \text{BDT MVA}$  ← Kills  $WW^*$  continuum

(exploits opposite  $W^\pm$  polarizations in  $H$  decay)



- Signal & backgrounds before/after cuts:

$H(WW^*)$ :  $\sigma = 23 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 8 \text{ ab}$

$WW^*$ :  $\sigma = 16.3 \text{ fb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 2.7 \text{ fb}$

qqbar:  $\sigma = 22 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 4 \text{ ab}$

$\tau\tau$ :  $\sigma = 1 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 2.6 \text{ ab}$

For  $L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 80/\sqrt{27.e3} \approx 0.5$   
 Significance  $\approx 0.5$

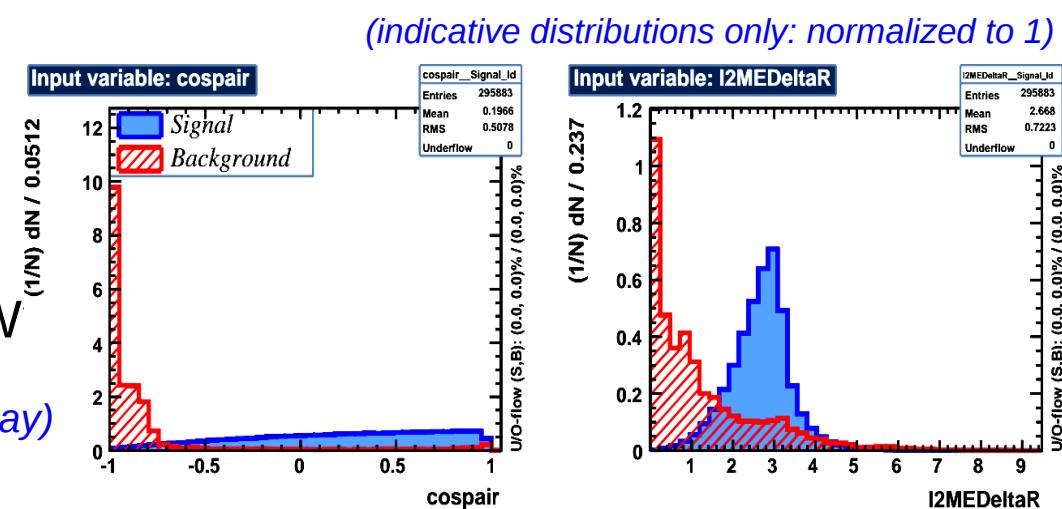
# Channel 3: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(WW^*) \rightarrow 2l2\nu$

- Final state (retains 60% of  $\sigma(WW^*)(2l2\nu) = 7 \text{ ab}$ ):  
 2 isolated  $e, \mu, \tau(e), \tau(\mu)$  + ME > 2 GeV  
 + 0 non-isolated leptons or ch.had.

- Analysis cuts (Preselection kills qqbar entirely):

- $\checkmark \cos(\theta_{l_1 l_2}) > -0.6$  ← Kills  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark \Delta R(l_2, \text{ME}) > 1.5$  ← Kills  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark E_{l_1, l_2} > 3 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark \text{ME} > 20 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark \text{BDT MVA}$  ← Kills  $WW$

(exploits opp.  $W^\pm$  polarizations in  $H$  decay)



- Signal & backgds before/after cuts:

$H(WW^*)$ :  $\sigma = 4 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 2.1 \text{ ab}$

$WW^*$ :  $\sigma = 2.9 \text{ fb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 454 \text{ ab}$

$\tau\tau$ :  $\sigma = 3.1 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 51 \text{ ab}$

qqbar:  $\sigma \sim 0 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 0 \text{ ab}$

$ZZ^*$ :  $\sigma = 24 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 0.4 \text{ ab}$

For  $L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

$S/\sqrt{B} = 21/\sqrt{5000} \approx 0.3$

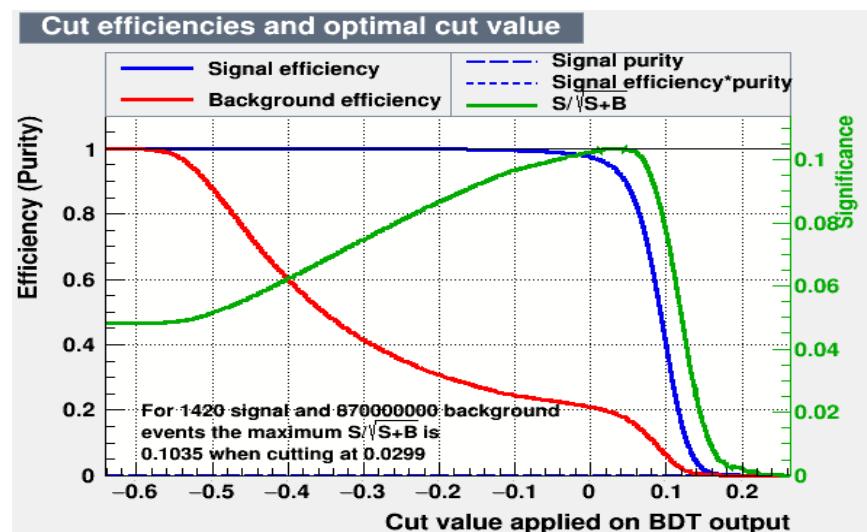
Significance  $\approx 0.3$

# Channel 4: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(WW^*) \rightarrow 4j$

- Final state (retains 9% of  $\sigma(WW^*(4j)) = 29 \text{ ab}$ ):  
4 jets (excl.) +  $>=1$  jet c-tagged jet + 0 b-jets + 0 g-jets  
Jets with  $m_{j_1 j_2} \sim m_W$  not both c-tagged + 0  $\tau(\text{had})$   
+ 0 isolated  $e, \mu, \tau(e), \tau(\mu)$

## Analysis cuts:

- $-\ln(y_{j_3, \text{jet}4}) > 5.$ ,  $E_{\text{total}} > 110 \text{ GeV}$
- $\max(M_{jj}) = 60\text{--}85 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- $|\Delta\phi_{Z \text{ decay planes}}| < 1.$
- BDT MVA



## Signal & backgrounds before/after cuts:

$H(WW^*)$ :	$\sigma = 2.75 \text{ ab}$	$\Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 1.4 \text{ ab}$
$q\bar{q}$ :	$\sigma = 15.7 \text{ fb}$	$\Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 2 \text{ fb}$
$WW^*$ :	$\sigma = 1.4 \text{ fb}$	$\Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 810 \text{ ab}$
$\tau\tau$ :	$\sigma = 0 \text{ ab}$	$\Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 0 \text{ ab}$
$ZZ^*$ :	$\sigma = 4 \text{ ab}$	$\Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 1.38 \text{ ab}$

For  $L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 14/\sqrt{29.e3} \approx 0.08$   
Significance  $\approx 0.08$

# Channel 6: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H \rightarrow \tau_{had}\tau_{had}$

- Final state (retains 65% of  $\sigma(\tau\tau) = 7.4$  ab):

2 jets (exclusive) + 2 tau-jet tagged  
+ 0 isolated final-state leptons

- Analysis cuts:

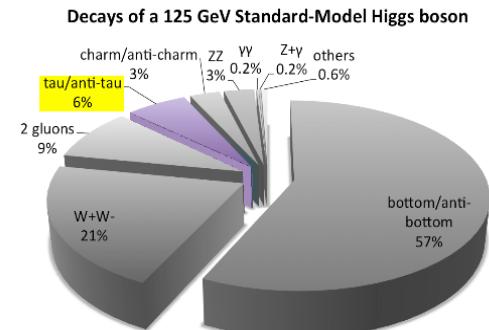
- ✓ Kinematics cuts: None
- ✓ MVA BDT applied to reduce dominant  $Z^*/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$  continuum.

- Signal & backgds before/after MVA cuts:

$$H(\tau\tau): \sigma = 7.4 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 1.5 \text{ ab}$$

$$q\bar{q}: \sigma = 87 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 75 \text{ ab}$$

$$\tau\tau: \sigma = 10 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 100 \text{ fb}$$



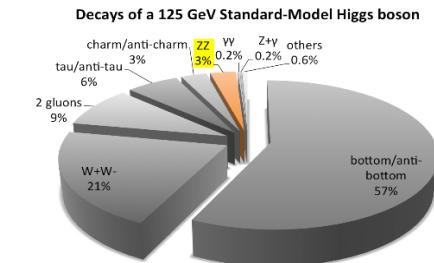
For  $L_{int} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 15/\sqrt{1e+6} \approx 0.02$   
Significance  $\approx 0.02$

# Channel 7: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(ZZ^*) \rightarrow 2j2\nu$

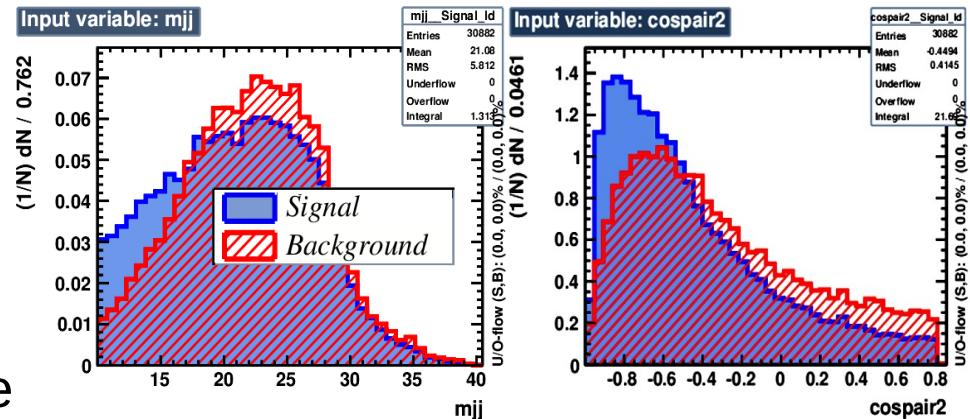
- Final state (retains 75% of  $\sigma(WW^*(2j2\nu)) = 2.3 \text{ ab}$ ):
  - 2 jets (excl.) +  $ME > 30 \text{ GeV}$
  - + 0 isolated  $e, \mu, \tau(e), \tau(\mu)$  + 0  $\tau(\text{had})$

- Kinematic cuts:

- $\checkmark \min(|m_{ME} - m_Z|, |m_{jj} - m_Z|) < 10 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills q-qbar,  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark E_{\text{tot}} > 120 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills q-qbar,  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark m_{ME} > 60 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  ← Kills q-qbar,  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark \cos(\Delta\theta_{ME,j2}) < 0.8$  ← Kills  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark |\eta_{jj}| < 2$  ← Kills q-qbar,  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark E_{jj} > 14 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills  $\tau\tau$



(indicative distributions only: normalized to 1)



- Signal & backgrounds before/after

$H(ZZ^*)$ :  $\sigma = 1.75 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after cuts}) = 0.37 \text{ ab}$

$ZZ^*$ :  $\sigma = 179 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after cuts}) = 25 \text{ ab}$

q-qbar:  $\sigma = 963 \text{ fb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after cuts}) = 4 \text{ ab}$

$\tau\tau$ :  $\sigma = 471 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after cuts}) = 2 \text{ ab}$

$WW^*$ :  $\sigma = 526 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after cuts}) = 0 \text{ ab}$

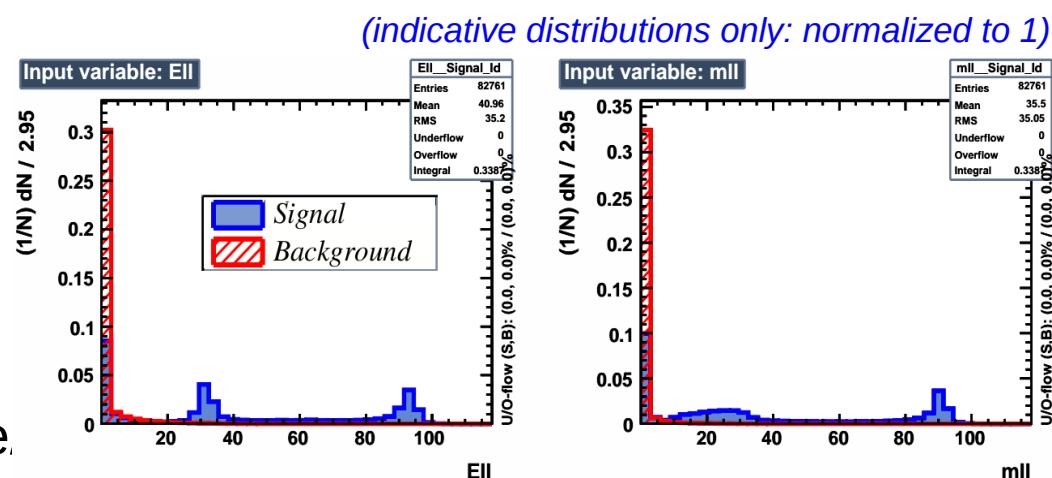
For  $L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 3.7/\sqrt{316} \approx 0.21$   
 Significance  $\approx 0.21$

# Channel 8: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(ZZ^*) \rightarrow 2l2j$

- Final state (retains 73% of  $\sigma(WW^*(2l2j)) = 1.14 \text{ ab}$ ):
  - 2 isolated opposite-charge leptons  $e, \mu, \tau(e), \tau(\mu)$
  - + 2 jets (exclusive)

- Kinematic cuts:

- $\checkmark \min(|M_{ll} - M_z|, |M_{jj} - M_z|) < 20 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills qqbar,  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark ME < 10 \text{ GeV}$
- $\checkmark E_{lepton} > 6 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills  $\tau\tau$
- $\checkmark E_{l1} + E_{l2} > 20 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills qqbar
- $\checkmark M_{ll} > 20 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  ← Kills qqbar
- $\checkmark M_{jj} > 10 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  ← Kills  $\tau\tau$



- Signal & backgrounds before

$$H(ZZ^*): \quad \sigma = 0.84 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 0.27 \text{ ab}$$

$$ZZ^*: \quad \sigma = 87 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 23 \text{ ab}$$

$$\tau\tau: \quad \sigma \sim 0.8 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 2.5 \text{ ab}$$

$$WW^*: \quad \sigma = 3.1 \text{ fb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 0.04 \text{ ab}$$

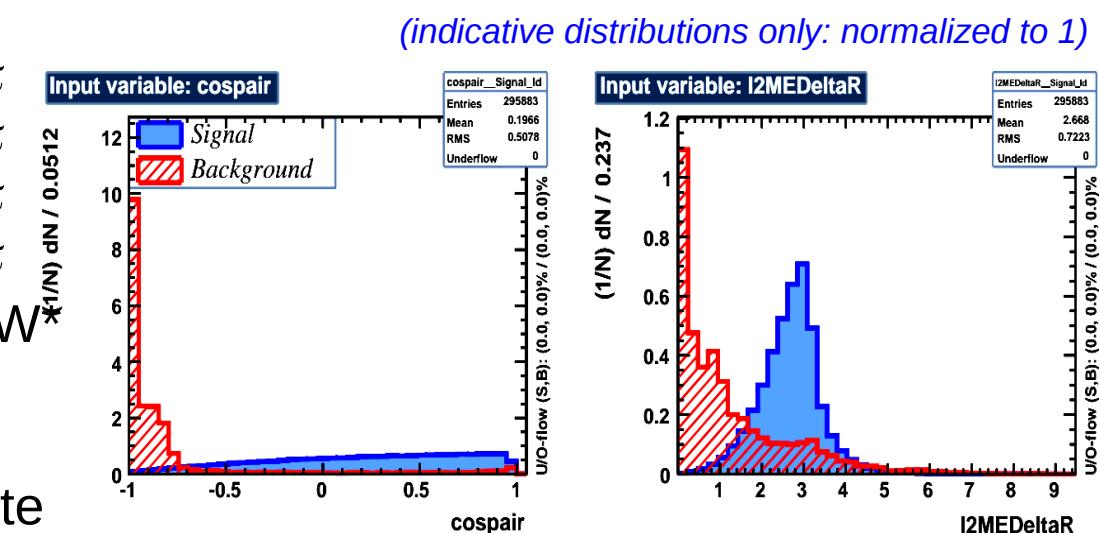
$$\text{qqbar}: \quad \sigma = 17 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 4 \text{ ab}$$

For  $L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 2.7/\sqrt{296} \approx 0.16$   
 Significance  $\approx 0.16$

# Channel 9: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(ZZ^*) \rightarrow 2l2\nu$

- Final state (retains 60% of  $\sigma(ZZ^*(2l2\nu)) = 0.34 \text{ ab}$ ):
  - $2 \text{ isolated } e, \mu, \tau(e), \tau(\mu) + \text{ME} > 2 \text{ GeV}$
  - + 0 non-isolated leptons or ch.had.
- Analysis cuts (Preselection kills qbarqbar entirely):
  - $\checkmark \cos(\theta_{l_1 l_2}) > -0.6$  ← Kills  $\tau-\tau$
  - $\checkmark \Delta R(l_2, \text{ME}) > 1.5$  ← Kills  $\tau-\tau$
  - $\checkmark E_{l_1, l_2} > 3 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills  $\tau-\tau$
  - $\checkmark \text{ME} > 20 \text{ GeV}$  ← Kills  $\tau-\tau$
  - $\checkmark \text{BDT MVA}$  ← Kills  $WW^*$

- Signal & backgds before/afte
  - $H(ZZ^*)$ :  $\sigma = 0.2 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 0.04 \text{ ab}$
  - $WW^*$ :  $\sigma = 29 \text{ fb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 144 \text{ ab}$
  - $\tau-\tau$ :  $\sigma = 3.1 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 51 \text{ ab}$
  - $q\bar{q}\text{bar}$ :  $\sigma \sim 0 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 0 \text{ ab}$
  - $ZZ^*$ :  $\sigma = 24 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma(\text{after}) = 9 \text{ ab}$



For  $L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 0.4/\sqrt{2000} \approx 0.01$   
 Significance  $\approx 0.01$

# Channel 10: $e^+e^- \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

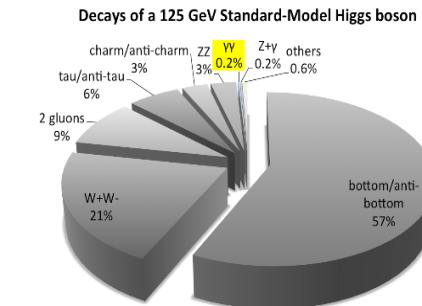
- Final state (retains 95% of the  $\sigma(\tau\tau) = 0.64 \text{ ab}$ ):  
2 isolated photons (exclusive) + nothing else

- Analysis cuts:

- ✓  $E_\gamma > 60 \text{ GeV}$  reduces diphoton continuum &  
Bhabha scatt. backgd where  $e^+e^-$  mis'id for  $\gamma$  with  $P \approx 0.35\%$ .
- ✓ MVA BDT doesn't improve result

- Signal & backgds before/after cuts:

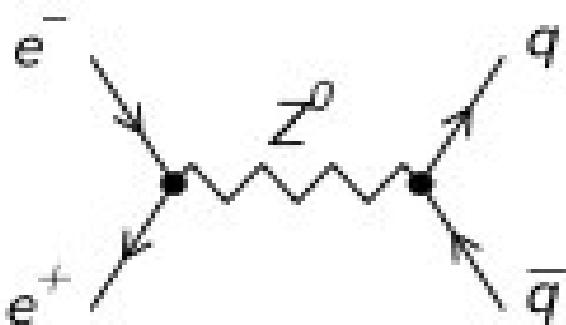
$$\begin{aligned} H(\gamma\gamma): \quad \sigma &= 0.61 \text{ ab} \Rightarrow \sigma \text{ (after)} = 0.3 \text{ ab} \\ \gamma\gamma: \quad \sigma &= 25 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma \text{ (after)} = 900 \text{ fb} \\ e^+e^-: \quad \sigma &= 2.3 \text{ pb} \Rightarrow \sigma \text{ (after)} = 59 \text{ ab} \end{aligned}$$



For  $L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 $S/\sqrt{B} = 30/\sqrt{1.e4} \approx 0.01$   
Significance  $\approx 0.01$

# $e^+e^- \rightarrow H(WW^*) \rightarrow 4j$

- The qbar background  $\sigma \sim O(100 \text{ pb})$  produces mainly 2-jet events, which can be killed by cutting on event shape variables (sphericity & aplanarity), but  $\sim 6 \text{ pb}$  remains from quarks that radiate gluons to produce 4-jet events.



- Tagging b-jets (which are produced  $\sim 20\%$  of the time in the qbar background and  $\sim 5\%$  of the time in the signal) and removing events with any b-tagged jets provides marginal improvement in separation, but the qbar background still dominates and washes out the signal almost entirely
- Attempts to reconstruct W mass to apply cuts met with little success (low discriminating power). Try hemisphere separation ...